Opening up our data

Wikidata for authority control

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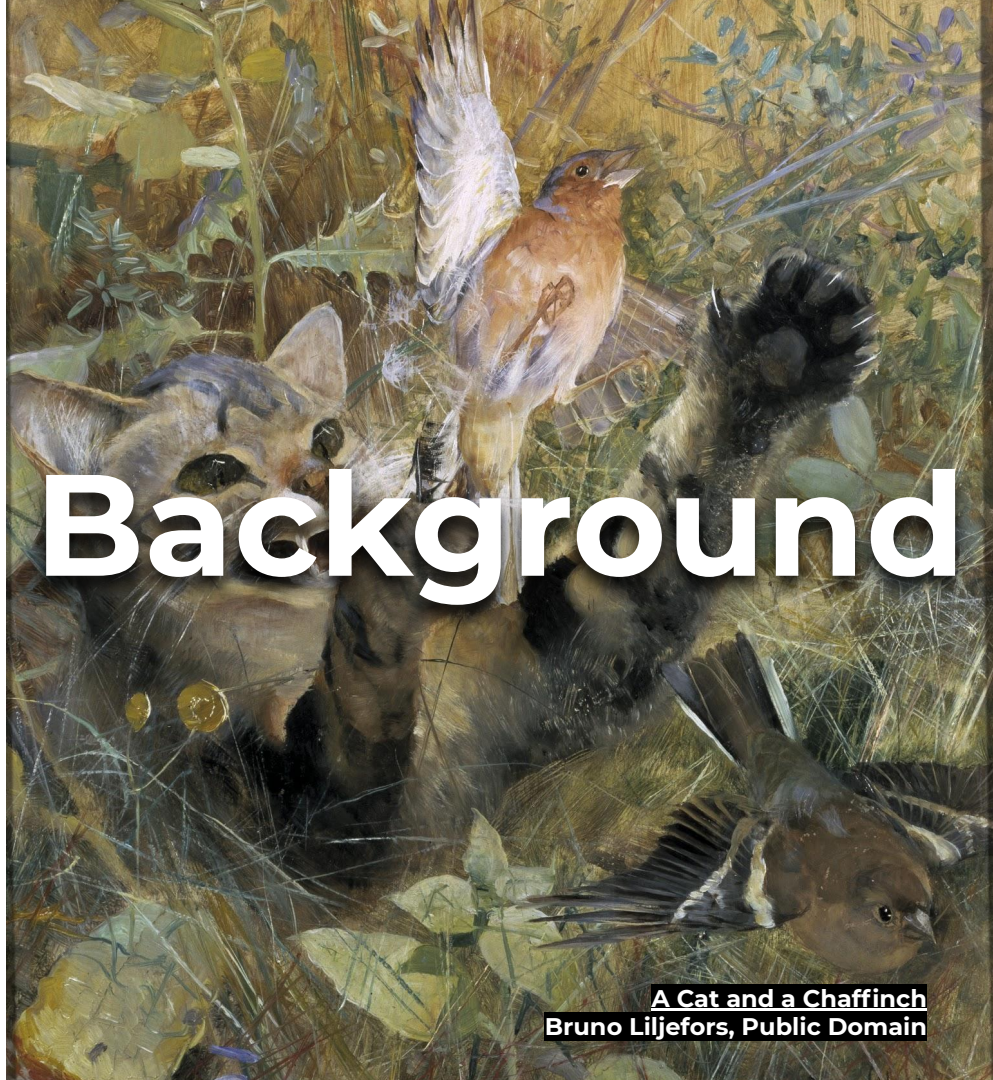
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Usable Authorities for Data-driven Cultural Heritage Research

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Investigate whether vocabularies as Linked Data stimulate new data-driven research on museum collections and whether Wikidata is a suitable platform for linking different authority files and vocabularies.

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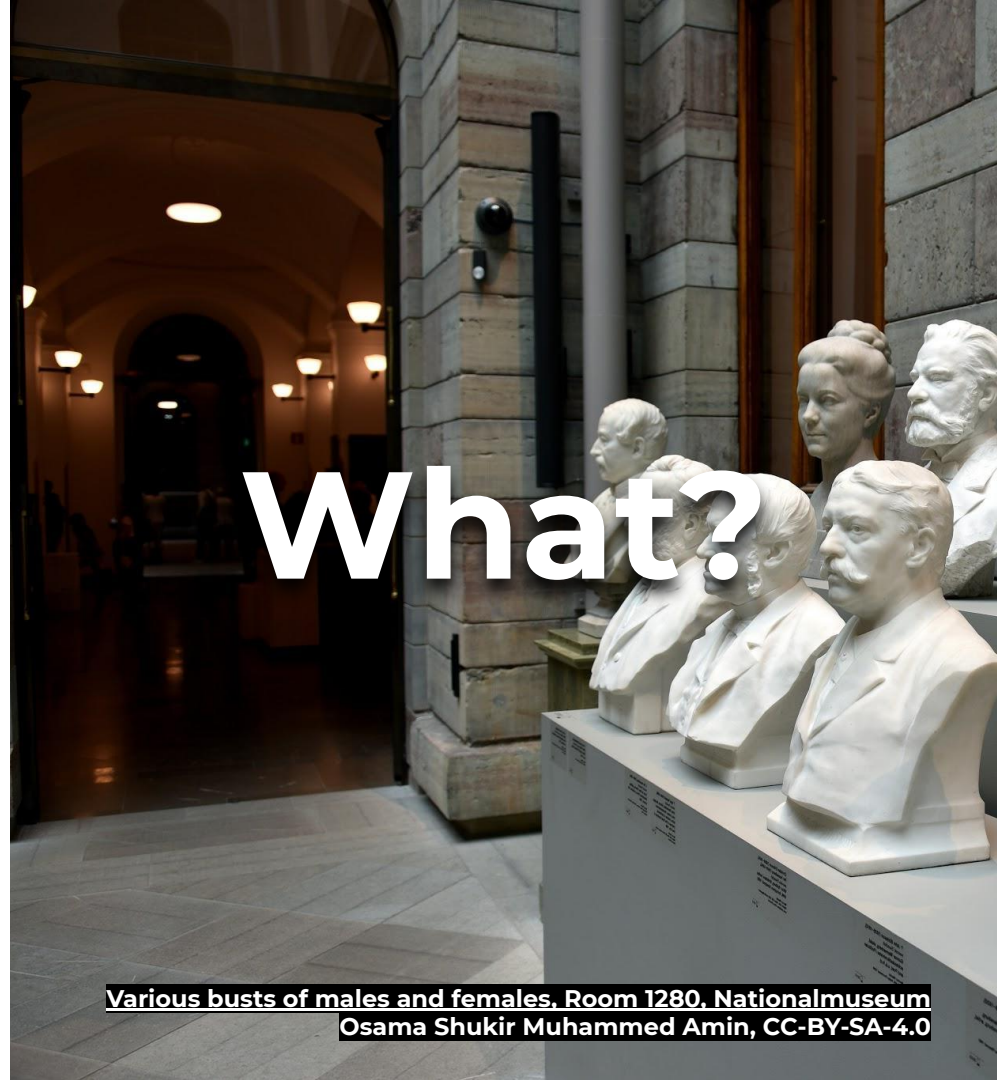**WIKIMEDIA**
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Background

- **Nationalmuseum**
  national art gallery of
  Sweden

- **Statens Historiska Museer**
  national museum of
  archaeology and history

- **Wikimedia Sverige**
  Swedish chapter of the
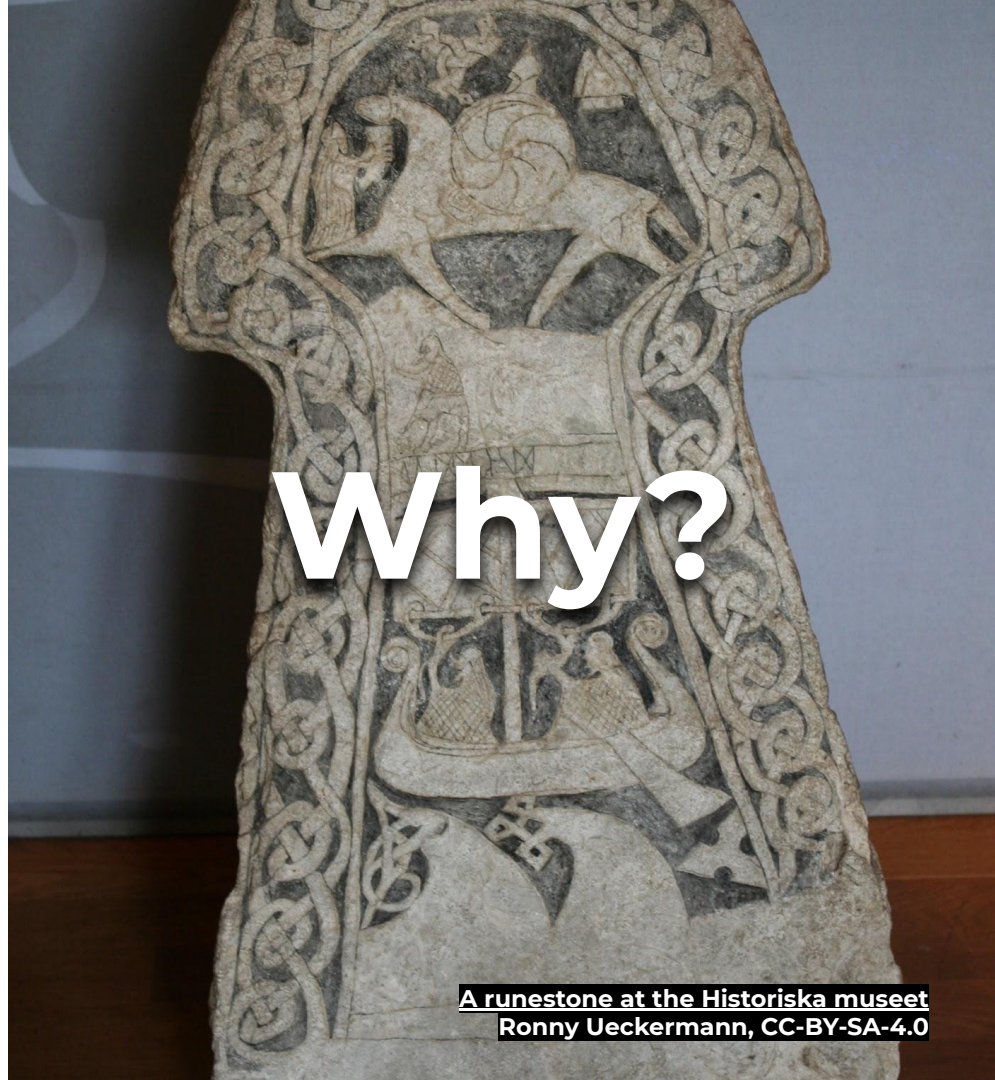 Wikimedia Foundation

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Who?

- People active 1500–1800 represented in the two museums' collections will be connected to Wikidata

- Visualisations of the datasets

- Outreach

What?

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- Wikidata is an important part of the modern LOD landscape

- In-house Wikidata expertise benefits the GLAM in the long term and can be shared with other institutions

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Why?

- The museum staff go through and clean up their data

- Regular check-ins and training with WMSE

- Both editing Wikidata and ingesting Wikidata IDs into museums' systems

- Developing in-house skills in Wikidata, OpenRefine and SPARQL

How?

At Breakfast
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